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News

Air Pollution

Los Angeles Refineries to Pay More for Excessive Flaring

Los Angeles area oil refineries face higher fees for unplanned and repeat flaring events under a new local regulation.

Chemical Safety Board

Safety Board's Push for Exxon Records Carries High Stakes

A years-long dispute over the Chemical Safety Board's access to ExxonMobil Corp. documents will enter a new phase at a Los Angeles federal courthouse in August, posing a test for the agency—and for corporations seeking to avoid disclosure that could prompt new regulations.

Cybersecurity

Russians Are Said to Be Suspects in Nuclear Site Hackings

Hackers working for a foreign government recently breached at least a dozen U.S. power plants, including the Wolf Creek nuclear facility in Kansas, according to current and former U.S. officials, sparking concerns the attackers were searching for vulnerabilities in the electrical grid.

Endangered Species

Sage Grouse Lawsuits on Hold Pending Interior Action

Three court fights over protections for the greater sage grouse were halted as the Interior Department reconsiders its strategy for protecting the birds, which could impact energy production, mining, and livestock operations.

Energy

Cooler Efficiency Rule Issued, Others on Ice at Energy Agency

It was a welcome breath of cold air for refrigeration companies and energy efficiency advocates when the Energy Department released a walk-in cooler and freezer energy efficiency standard that was held at the end of the Obama administration.

Energy

Germany Extends Tax Breaks for Natural Gas Production

A plan to extend significant tax breaks for production of both natural gas and liquefied petroleum gas through 2023 was approved July 7 by German lawmakers, who deemed the measure deemed necessary for the country's problematic transportation sector.

Energy

Germany Moves to Equalize Consumer Electric Grid Costs

The upper house of the German Parliament, the Bundesrat, passed a bill July 7 that clears the way for the government to harmonize long-distance electricity transmission costs across the country by 2023, a move many welcome but say comes too late at too high a cost.

Energy

Millennials and Their iPhones Are Killing Traditional Utilities

It won't be long, experts say, before the average Londoner will be able to program her day to start this way:

General Policy

Week Ahead: Senate Expected to Confirm New Regulatory Chief

The Trump administration's pick for chief regulatory officer is expected to win Senate confirmation, one of several developments on environment and energy issues during the week of July 10.

International Climate

China, EU Bolster Greener Global Shipping to Curb Emissions

The trillion-dollar global shipping industry may soon be forced to curb greenhouse gas emissions under new rules backed by the European Union and China.

Oil Spills

NAFTA Agency Asked to Study Leaks From Oil Sands Operations

The commission that addresses environmental issues under the North American Free Trade Agreement said July 7 it has been asked to review Canada's enforcement of rules that prohibit toxic leaks from oil sands operations in Alberta.

Regulatory Policy

EPA Defeat on Methane Could Hinder Other Regulatory Rollbacks

A defeat in court of the EPA's plan to postpone methane standards for oil and gas wells could bolster challenges to delays of emissions limits for landfills and regulations for new chemical plant security.

Renewable Energy

Tesla to Build World's Largest Energy Storage Battery in Australia

Tesla will install the world's largest energy storage battery in South Australia and will get the job done in 100 days, Premier Jay Weatherill announced July 7.

Vehicle Fuels

France Aims to End Sale of Fossil Fuel-Powered Cars by 2040

France plans to end the sale of gasoline- and diesel-powered vehicles by 2040 in a bid to become a carbon-neutral nation, Energy Minister Nicolas Hulot said, effectively promoting electric cars.

Vehicle Fuels

Late to the Battery-Car Race, VW Says It Can Still Blunt Tesla

Volkswagen AG will start deliveries of its first standalone battery-powered models in 2020, around the time that Tesla Inc. wants to hand over 1 million vehicles a year. So why does the German carmaker think it can stop the U.S. electric-auto pioneer in its tracks?

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